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A.—(a) & (b) A report on the subject was received from the Board of Revenue on 21st June 1927. It dealt only with the question of the continued prohibition against inclusion of certain lands in the wet ayacut. It will not be placed on the table.

(c) The prohibition against including the lands in the ayacut has been withdrawn.

(d) The Government have not yet received any information as to the levy of penal assessments. The suggestion in the question will now be considered.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I ask whether the Government will get the information how much penal assessment has been collected on the lands of the non-co-operators hitherto?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"We have stated in clause (a) that the suggestion that the penal assessment should be credited under the inclusion fee would be considered. Of course, we will have to ascertain the amount, in doing so."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"Now that the prohibition against inclusion is removed, may I know if the Government will issue a notification giving time for the ryots to pay the necessary inclusion fee and get the lands included in the ayacut? The time originally fixed has already expired."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"Certainly, we do not wish to preclude the matter on that ground."

*Exclusion of Pedalanka lands from the Kistna Eastern delta ayacut.*

\* 710 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have ordered the exclusion of Pedalanka lands, about 300 acres in extent, in Kaikalur taluk from the ayacut of Kistna Eastern delta and whether the owners of these lands protested against the exclusion;

(b) whether the lands proposed to be given in exchange for Pedalanka lands are situated in Gadivada taluk and are inconveniently situated for the ryots for cultivation purposes owing to great distances from their homes;

(c) whether the Government are aware that after the raising of shutters of the Kistna anicut the Pedalanka lands have been getting water copiously for irrigation and there are no complaints from the ryots regarding supply of water; and

(d) whether the Government propose to reconsider its decision in view of the circumstances now prevailing and cancel the order of exclusion of Pedalanka lands from the ayacut?

A.—(a) The localization of the irrigable ayacut of the Kistna Eastern delta involved the exclusion of about 3,654 acres of wet land from the ayacut. The reasons for the exclusion were the difficulties in supplying water to small isolated and remote patches of land, and the advantages, from the point of view of economy of water and facility of supply, of concentrating the

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irrigable area into compact blocks. One or other of the following arrangements was made with the ryots concerned in such cases—

- (1) The owners of the excluded wet lands transferred their wet rights to dry lands belonging to themselves or to others which dry lands were suitable for inclusion in the ayacut and were so included; or
- (2) The owners of the excluded wet lands were given an equal area of Government waste lands to be registered as wet in exchange for the wet lands excluded from the ayacut and taken over by the Government; or
- (3) The owners of the excluded wet lands in exchange for the wet rights of the lands excluded were granted Government waste land, registered as wet, to the extent of half the area of the land excluded. Out of 3,654 acres of wet land selected for exclusion, only in the case of 11.61 acres of wet land could no final settlement be made with their owners. Of these 11.61 acres, an extent of 1.51 acres was acquired by the Government and the remaining extent was left as it was.

The Government do not know whether the Pedalanka lands were among those excluded from the ayacut.

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) & (d) It has been decided to test the new shutters for three years before considering any extension of irrigation.

*Exemption of lands in Kistna Eastern delta from inclusion fees.*

\* 711 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received the report mentioned in the answer to my starred question No. 549, answered on 25th March 1927, regarding exemption of lands in Kistna Eastern delta from inclusion fees;

(b) what its contents are and whether the Government will place it on the table of this House; and

(c) what action the Government propose to take to free all those ryots from penal assessments?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Board's report has not yet been received.

(712 Q.—Please see page 257 infra.)

## Emigration

*Alleged defective arrangements in the ships carrying repatriates from South Africa.*

\* 713 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state, with reference to question No. 68, answered on 26th January 1927, regarding the defective arrangements in the ships carrying repatriates from South Africa referred to in the report of the Commissioner of Labour for the year 1925-26—

(a) whether any berth arrangements have been made in the above ships;